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Nixon's Serious Charge

Former Vice-President Nixon has made a serious charge against President Kennedy in his new book. He claims that during the 1960 campaign Kennedy used secret government information for political advantage and jeopardized "the security of a United States foreign policy operation." The operation was the arming and training of Cuban refugees for a future invasion.

Kennedy had charged that the administration was laggard in supporting refugees in plans to return to Cuba and oust Castro. Kennedy knew such a program was under way, Nixon said.

The White House has announced that President Kennedy was not told about the Cuban project until after his election. Allen W. Dulles, former head of the CIA who briefed Kennedy during the campaign, agreed with the White House that neither he nor the CIA had told Kennedy of the Cuban plan until after the election.

Nixon won't back down. He now quotes former President Eisenhower to the effect that Eisenhower had directed that Kennedy be fully informed on all aspects of foreign policy. Therefore, Nixon says, he will not withdraw his charge.

The man to know whether Kennedy was actually told all the facts about Cuba would seem to be the man who gave the foreign policy briefing. That man was Dulles. He says he didn't tell Kennedy about the arming of Cubans for the planned invasion. That should settle the matter.